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Applic. No. : 10/057,105

Technology Center 2600

Filed : January 25, 2002

Title : Optical Transmitter and Method for Generating a Digital Optical Signal Sequence

Group Art Unit : 2633

PETITION FOR ACCELERATED EXAMINATION UNDER MPEP 708.02(VIII)

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

The above-identified application is a new application which has not received any examination by the Examiner. Applicant requests that the application be granted special status on the basis of the following items:

(A) The fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i) in the amount of \$130.00 is enclosed herewith.

(B) All of the claims are directed to a single invention and the Office is requested to make such a determination. Should a restriction be deemed necessary, counsel requests a telephone call during which such an election would be made.

(C) It is herewith stated that a pre-examination search was made. The search was made by the German Patent Office for a corresponding German patent application which is also the priority application for the instant application. A copy of the

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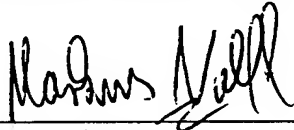
correspondence from the German Patent Office is enclosed herewith. Reference is had to the two U.S. patents which are listed on page 2 of the communication.

(D) A copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims was submitted to the Patent Office on May 9, 2002 together with an Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTOL 1449.

(E) Attached is a preliminary amendment correcting an informality in claim 1 and containing a detailed discussion of the cited prior art references and how the claimed subject-matter of the instant application is patentable over the cited references *Le Coquil et al.* (US 5,353,145) and *Miller* (US 4,467,468).

The Office is requested to afford this new application special status for accelerated examination under the provisions outlined in MPEP 708.02(VIII).

Respectfully submitted,



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